

October 16, 2018

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **NOTICE OF EX PARTE**
GN Docket No. 17-258: *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 12, 2018, I met Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) Commissioner Brendan Carr; Rachael Bender, Wireless and International Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai; and Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor, Wireless, Public Safety, and International to Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. On October 16, 2018, I spoke via teleconference with Umair Javed, Legal Advisor, Wireless and International, to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel regarding the same. Competitive Carriers Association (“CCA”)¹ applauds the FCC’s draft Report and Order (“draft Order”) seeking to revise existing rules governing Citizens Band Radio Services (“CBRS”),² in particular, by proposing to license Priority Access Licenses (“PALs”) at the county-level. As previously noted on record, and most recently by twenty rural and regional carriers,³ CCA reiterated that the FCC’s proposed approach will help to ensure all providers, especially those serving rural and remote areas, can use this slice of mid-band spectrum to effectively deploy next-generation technologies and 5G services.⁴

¹ CCA is the nation’s leading association for competitive wireless providers and stakeholders across the United States. CCA’s membership includes nearly 100 competitive wireless providers ranging from small, rural carriers serving fewer than 5,000 customers to regional and national providers serving millions of customers. CCA also represents associate members including vendors and suppliers that provide products and services throughout the mobile communications supply chain.

² *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, Draft Fact Sheet and Report and Order (rel. Oct. 2, 2018).

³ See, Letter from Twenty-One Non-Nationwide Provider CEOs, GN Docket No. 17-258 (filed Oct. 12, 2018).

⁴ See, e.g., Letter from Rebecca Murphy Thompson, EVP & GC, CCA, and Scott K. Bergmann, Senior Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, CTIA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 17-258 (filed Apr. 20, 2018).

This *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically with your office pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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